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SUBJ: ECE - UN HABITAT CONFERENCE - REGIONAL MEETINGS

1. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS RE ISRAELI EXCLUSION ISSUE THIS MORNING. MOST SIGNIFICANT FACT WHICH MERGED WAS RELATED BY TURIN, DEPUTY SYG OF HABITAT CONFERENCE. HE TOLD US THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAD AGREED END OF LAST WEEK ON DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH WILL BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS AT NEXT HABITAT PREPCOM MEETING. THE DRAFT INDICATES THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IS NOT ONE FOR THE PREPCOM TO DECIDE, BUT RATHER IS A MATTER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. TURIN LATER MADE THIS SAME POINT IN GIVING PROGRESS REPORT TO ECE MEETING. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL MEETINGS ON HABITAT WOULD ONLY BE TREATED AS BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE PREPCOM.

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2. WE HAVE TALKED TO CANADIANS, WHO HAVE

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT US IF WE RAISE THE ISSUE. WE HAVE ALSO TALKED TO THE SWEDES AND THE BRITISH. FORMER WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT. BRITISH INFORM US THEY ARE UNINSTRUCTED AND WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON. GERMAN DEL, WHO HAD HEARD OF OUR INTEREST IN THE ISSUE, ASKED THAT WE LET THEM KNOW NO LATER THAN THIS EVENING WHAT WE WANTED TO DO SINCE THERE WILL BE A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAUCUS TOMORROW MORNING. WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED EASTERN EUROPEANS.

3. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SOUGHT US OUT. HE INDICATED THE ISRAELIS WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT OF THIS AND CARACAS MEETINGS. WE TOOK OCCASION TO RELATE TO HIM WHAT TURIN HAD TOLD US.

4. TIME IS VERY MUCH A FACTOR HERE. MEETING HAS GOTTEN OFF TO SLOW START AND A GREAT DEAL OF SUBSTANCE WILL HAVE TO BE COMPRESSED INTO ONE AND A HALF DAYS. DELS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WOULD PREFER THAT IT NOT BE RAISED AT ALL OR IF WE DECIDE WE WANT TO, THEY WOULD PREFER THAT WE RAISE IT TOWARDS END OF MEETING (TOMORROW) UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS."

5. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT, ON BALANCE, IT MAY BE BETTER NOT REPEAT NOT SEEK TO GET STATEMENT SUPPORTING UNIVERSALITY FROM THIS MEETING. ISSUE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ARISE HERE, UNLESS WE RAISE IT. ASSUME MOST DELS ARE UNINSTRUCTED ON THIS QUESTION. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO RAISE IT IN ANY EVENT UNLESS WE COULD BE ASSURED OF FAVORABLE OUTCOME.- A POINT ON WHICH ISRAELIS IN GENERAL AGREE. THEIR CONCERN IS WITH UNCOUNTERED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS IN TEHRAN AND CAIRO.

6. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW ASAP WHETHER DEPT WISHES US TO PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF STATEMENT. SIDESTEPPING ISSUE HERE MEANS, OF COURSE, RELYING ESSENTIALLY ON WHAT TURIN TOLD US ABOUT UN SECRETARIAT POSITION ON RULES OF PROCEDURE.
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